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FOR A LOCK

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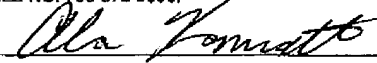
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows: